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Office Action Summary

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Leon J. Harper

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 September 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-15 and 17-37 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-15 and 17-37 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The amendment filed 9/18/2007 has been entered. No claims have been added or cancelled. No claims have been amended. Accordingly, claims 1, 3-15, 17-37 are pending in this office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

Claims 1,3-15, and 17-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 5797007 (hereinafter Erick) in view of US 20030140308 (hereinafter Murthy).

As for claim 1 Erick discloses: automatically generating a persistent storage structure in a persistent storage medium based on the determined logical structures and properties of the declared entities (See column 4 lines 34-39); and automatically generating an interface for the persistent storage structure, wherein the interface comprises entity classes that are automatically generated to enable access to entity instances in the persistent storage structure (See column 4 lines 63-66).

While Erick does not differ substantially from the claimed invention, the disclosure of receiving as input an entity definition of a persistent storage structure, wherein the entity definition comprises a declaration of an object, one or more properties of the object, and a data type for each property, parsing the entity definition to determine logical structures and properties for declared entities is not necessarily explicitly stated. Murthy however does disclose receiving as input an entity definition of a persistent storage structure (See paragraph 0032), wherein the entity definition comprises a declaration of an object, one or more properties of the object, and a data type for each property (See paragraph 0052).

parsing the entity definition to determine logical structures and properties for declared entities (See paragraph 0117). It would have been obvious to an artisan of ordinary skill in the pertinent art to have incorporated the teachings of Murthy into the system of Erick. The modification would have been obvious because languages like XML are becoming more and more frequent, and databases are not made to fit every possible object that can be derived from such languages (See Murthy paragraph 0016).

An automatic method of persistent storage will allow the full structure of languages such as XML to be fully used and will allow for optimal performance (See Murthy paragraph 0018).

As for claim 3, the rejection of claim 1 is incorporated, and further Murthy discloses: wherein the persistent storage structure comprises a database table (See paragraph 0033).

As for claim 4, the rejection of claim 1 is incorporated, and further Murthy discloses: wherein the persistent storage structure comprises a file directory (See paragraph 0075).

As for claim 5, the rejection of claim 1 is incorporated, and further Erick discloses: wherein the persistent storage medium comprises a hard disk, a readable /writable CD or a floppy disk (See column 4 lines 35-37).

As for claim 6, the rejection of claim 1 is incorporated, and further Murthy discloses: wherein the method is implemented in a database system (See paragraph 0032).

As for claim 7, the rejection of claim 6 is incorporated, and further Murthy discloses: wherein the database system is a relational database (See paragraph 0034).

As for claim 8, the rejection of claim 1 is incorporated, and further Erick discloses: wherein the step of automatically generating an interface for accessing the persistent storage medium comprises automatically creating methods for one of storing, retrieving, searching, and removing entity instance data in the persistent storage medium (See column 4 lines 55-65).

As for claim 9, the rejection of claim 1 is incorporated, and further Murthy discloses: automatically generating an index to persistent stored data (See paragraph 0141).

As for claim 10, the rejection of claim 1 is incorporated, and further Murthy discloses: wherein the step of automatically generating an index to persistent stored data comprises generating an index to persistent stored data that is frequently accessed as determined by a predefined indicator (See paragraph 0141).

As for claim 11, the rejection of claim 1 is incorporated, and further Erick discloses: automatically adapting the persistent storage structure or the access interface for a new entity definition (See column 4 lines 55-58).

As for claim 12, the rejection of claim 1 is incorporated, and further Erick discloses: automatically optimizing the persistent storage system to improve search efficiency or storage scalability (See column 4 lines 60-65 note: methods are optimized).

As for claim 13, the rejection of claim 1 is incorporated, and further Murthy discloses: automatically creating a cache memory for storing an entity instance that is accessed from the persistent storage medium (See paragraph 0164).

As for claim 14, the rejection of claim 1 is incorporated, and further Erick discloses automatically populating the persistent storage structure with entity instance data (See column 4 lines 34-38), while Murthy discloses: : receiving an entity instance declaration (See paragraph 0032).

Claims 15-25 are program storage device claims corresponding to method claims 1-4, 8-14 respectively, and are thus rejected for the same reasons as set forth in the rejection of claims 1-4, 8-14.

Claim 26 is a system claim corresponding to the method of claim 1 and is thus rejected for the same reasons as set forth in the rejection of claim 1.

As for claim 27, the rejection of claim 26 is incorporated, and further Murthy discloses: a database system comprising the persistent storage structure of claim 26 (See paragraph 0032).

As for claim 28, the rejection of claim 26 is incorporated, and further Murthy discloses: an enterprise application comprising the persistent storage structure of claims 26 (See paragraph 0203 note: the application may be enterprise).

As for claim 29, the rejection of claim 26 is incorporated, and further Murthy discloses: wherein the persistent storage structure comprises a database table (See paragraph 0033).

As for claim 30, the rejection of claim 26 is incorporated, and further Murthy discloses: wherein the persistent storage structure comprises a file directory (See paragraph 0075).

As for claim 31 the rejection of claim 26 is incorporated, and further Erick discloses: wherein the access methods comprise methods for one of storing, retrieving, searching, and removing entity instance data in the persistent storage medium (See column 4 lines 55-65).

As for claim 32, the rejection of claim 26 is incorporated, and further Murthy discloses: wherein the autonomous persistent storage system is an electronic catalog system (See paragraph 0225).

As for claim 33, the rejection of claim 26 is incorporated, and further Murthy discloses: wherein the autonomous persistent storage system further comprises an index creation module for automatically generating an index to persistent stored data (See paragraph 0141).

As for claim 34, the rejection of claim 26 is incorporated, and further Murthy discloses: wherein the autonomous persistent storage system further comprises a cache memory module for automatically storing an entity instance that is accessed from the persistent storage medium (See paragraph 0164).

As for claim 35, the rejection of claim 26 is incorporated, and further Erick discloses: wherein the autonomous persistent storage system further comprises means for automatically populating a persistent storage structure with entity instance data that is input to the system (See column 4 lines 55-58).

As for claim 36, the rejection of claim 26 is incorporated, and further Murthy discloses: An e-service that implements the system of claim 26 for providing a data management service based on a fee agreement or service level agreement (See paragraph 0225 the two way communication is explicitly for service).

Claim 37 is a method claim corresponding to the method of claim 1 and is thus rejected for the same reasons as set forth in the rejection of claim 1.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 9/18/2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues:

The office action states that the combination of Erick and Murthy disclose a process of automatically generating a persistent storage structure using an entity definition (Col, 4, lines 34-39) and automatically generating an interface to access the persistent storage medium (Col, 4, lines 63-66). This assertion is technically and legally erroneous.

Examiner responds:

Examiner is not persuaded. Claim 1 recites in part "automatically generating a persistent storage structure in a persistent storage medium based on the determined logical structures and properties of the declared entities." Therefore as examiner reads this claim the storage structure and the storage medium are defined by the claim as too separate objects. The medium something like a disk upon which the structure can be stored. (taught in column 4 lines 36-28) while the structure is the object whose definitions are the properties and data types that are defined as input in the entity definition. Murphy has been cited as teaching or disclosing the limitation of receiving as input an entity definition of a persistent storage structure, wherein the entity definition comprises a declaration of an object, one or more properties of the object, and a data

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type for each property. Once the entity definition has been read according to Murphy Erickson clearly discloses taking an object, checking the attributes of the object, storing the object in a persistent storage structure and generating get and set to enable access to the persistent storage structure that is stored in the persistent storage medium (See col 5).

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Leon J. Harper whose telephone number is 571-272-0759. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30AM - 4:00Pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hosain T. Alam can be reached on 571-272-3978. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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